liquid.

Claim 62. (new) Gel beads comprising an aqueous gel and a gel-inhibiting solvent absorbed on porous inert particles dispersed in the gel beads.

REMARKS

New claims 19-62 define the protection now sought in the present application and include subject matter restricted out of the parent application.

Early and favorable examination are respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's representative would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he or she is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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